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To provide for the establishment of a national strategic materials and minerals coordination program, and for other purposes.

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Mr. KOGOVSEK introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs and Armed Services

A BILL

To provide for the establishment of a national strategic materials and minerals coordination program, and for other purposes.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That (a) this Act may be cited as the "National Strategic
- 4 Materials and Minerals Assessment Act of 1983".
- 5 (b) The Congress finds that the United States lacks
- 6 known domestic resources from which to produce, in neces-
- 7 sary quantities, certain materials and minerals essential to its
- 8 national security, industrial base, and economic well-being.
- 9 The Congress therefore declares that it is in the national in-
- 10 terest to:

7 (3) Establish a managerial framework for contin-
8 ued assessments of strategic materials and minerals
9 supply.

(4) Take positive action that will promote our national security, help insure a healthy and vigorous economy, create American jobs, decrease the Nation's strategic minerals and materials vulnerability, and protect our natural resources and environment.

16 SEC. 2. As used in this Act, the term—

17 (1) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Inte-
18 rior; and

(2) "strategic materials and minerals" means those natural resources essential to the security, industrial base, and economic well-being of the United States, as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

1 **TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION**

2 **SEC. 3.** All programs, functions, responsibilities, and
3 personnel of the uranium resource assessment program, as
4 established under the authority of the Department of Energy,
5 shall be transferred to the Department of the Interior. Such
6 transfer shall include the Grand Junction facility, Grand
7 Junction, Colorado, and all operating funds remaining in the
8 uranium resource assessment program on the date of enact-
9 ment of this Act.

10 **MINERALS AND MATERIALS ASSESSMENT**

11 **SEC. 4. (a)** The Secretary shall establish a national stra-
12 tegic minerals and materials assessment program within the
13 Department of the Interior, for purposes of carrying out the
14 provisions and goals of this Act. Such program shall utilize
15 the management framework and personnel of the uranium
16 resource assessment program.

17 **(b)** The duties and functions of the Secretary under this
18 Act shall include, but not be limited to, activities which—

19 (1) monitor, evaluate, and coordinate on a con-
20 tinuing basis the programs and activities of the Federal
21 Government so as to carry out the provisions of this
22 Act;

23 (2) identify and classify the Nation's areas of po-
24 tential strategic material and mineral deposits on the
25 public lands;

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1 from mineral entry to the extent that such assessments
2 can be accomplished with minimal surface disturbance.

3 (2) Any materials and minerals assessment on the
4 public lands shall occur with the consultation and coop-
5 eration of the agency having management jurisdiction
6 over such lands and resources.

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